Rushton Undergraduate Conference in Language, Literature, and Culture

2015 Call for Undergraduate Papers in Language, Literature, and Culture

Conference Date: March 6, 2015
McGregor Conference Center (Wayne State University Main Campus)
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Wayne State University Department of English invites undergraduate scholars, writers, and artists from all majors and programs to participate in the Rushton Undergraduate Conference on Language, Literature, and Culture. Projects addressing any topic, theme or method of study within the framework of language, literature, and culture are welcome.

This conference gives undergraduates the opportunity to present their own scholarly papers, projects, media presentations, or creative works in organized panels of their peers.

Each conference session will include 3-4 presentations with time for questions and discussion following the presentations. Students are encouraged to participate in the discussion of their fellow undergraduates’ papers or projects.

To be considered for the conference: For a scholarly paper, project, or media presentation submit a 250-word abstract. For a work of creative writing, submit a two-page sample plus a 250-word summary of the piece (appropriate for a 15 minute presentation).

Here are some general guidelines for submission:

- You may submit abstracts for scholarly papers, projects, media presentations, or creative pieces.
- An individual student’s presentation can be no longer than 15 minutes (roughly 7-8 pages double-spaced for papers).
- All papers and presentations must be in English.
- We encourage panel proposals; in this case, submit 3-4 related abstracts from your group.

E-mail your abstract as an MS Word attachment to RushtonConference@wayne.edu. In the subject line write your last name and title of the submission. In the body of your e-mail, provide your name, student ID, title of project, and name and e-mail address of your faculty mentor (if relevant).

**Rushton Keynote Speaker Contest and Prize:** If you would like to be a candidate for the Rushton Student Keynote Speaker, in addition to the abstract, please attach your paper or project (ex: PowerPoint) of no more than 10 pages. If selected, you will be a featured speaker at the Conference kick off and receive a monetary prize.

Deadline for submission: January 30, 2015

Notification: Participants will be notified of selection by February 20, 2015
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2015 Call for Undergraduate Posters in Language, Literature, and Culture

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9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Poster sessions will run concurrently with panel sessions from 10:15 - 2:30

The Wayne State University Department of English invites undergraduate scholars from all majors to participate in a poster session during the conference. Posters addressing any topic, theme or method of study within the framework of language, literature, and culture are welcome.

To be considered for the poster session: Submit a 250-word proposal. This could be the abstract that you will include with your poster.

Here are some general guidelines for posters:

1. Use tri-fold poster boards, which fit easily on top of a table. We will supply (free) poster boards upon request, but if you prefer to get your own, Barnes and Noble and other stores carry them.

2. Your poster should include a statement or abstract, which typically is what conference attendees will focus on as they review your poster. Be sure your abstract clearly conveys the purpose of your poster, that it is well written, and is void of grammatical and typographical errors. The poster should include, but is not limited to the following:
   - Heading/Title with your name(s) Individual or Collaborative Projects Accepted!
   - Statement or Abstract
   - A logical sequence—introduction, body, and conclusion
   - 2-3 Key Points/Key Information
   - Visuals (Graphics, charts, diagrams, etc.) to support your research
   - Reference List and/or Add’l Reading

3. Your poster should be self-supporting and self-explanatory, but keep it simple.

4. While you are encouraged to participate in panel sessions throughout the day, try to return to your poster station as often as possible to answer questions and provide additional information.

   You may set up your displays from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. on Friday, March 6th at the McGregor Conference Center (lower level) and take them down from 2:30 - 3:30 after the last session.

E-mail your abstract as an MS Word attachment to RushtonConference@wayne.edu. In the subject line write your last name and the words Poster Project. In the body of your e-mail, provide your name, student ID, poster title, and name and e-mail address of your faculty mentor (if relevant).

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